

**Louisiana Medicaid
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) Duration of Therapy**

Duration of Therapy Limit for PPIs

All PPIs are subject to a duration of therapy limit. This limit is 180 days in a rolling 365-day period (this does not apply to recipients under 6 years of age). The *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form* should be utilized to request an override of the 180-day duration of therapy limit for both preferred and non-preferred PPIs for recipients to whom an exemption does not apply.

The following are exempt from the duration of therapy limit:

- Recipients under six (6) years of age; **OR**
- Recipients receiving pancreatic enzymes; **OR**
- Pharmacy claims submitted with a diagnosis code listed in the table below.

Diagnosis Codes Exempt from the Duration of Therapy Limit for PPIs

Abscess of Esophagus	K20.8
Angiodysplasia of Stomach and Duodenum (with OR without Mention of Hemorrhage)	K31.81*
Atrophic Gastritis with Hemorrhage	K29.41
Barrett's Esophagus	K22.7*
Cerebral Palsy (<i>new Aug 2019</i>)	G80*
Chronic Pancreatitis	K86.0, K86.1
Congenital Tracheoesophageal Fistula	Q39.1, Q39.2
Cystic Fibrosis	E84.*
Eosinophilic Esophagitis	K20.0
Eosinophilic Gastritis	K52.81
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage	K92.2
Gastrointestinal Mucositis (Ulcerative)	K92.81
Malignant Mast Cell Tumors	C96.2*
Multiple Endocrine Adenomas	D44.0, D44.2, D44.9
Tracheoesophageal Fistula	J86.0
Ulcer of Esophagus with OR without Bleeding	K22.1*
Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome	E16.4

* Any number or letter or combination of **UP TO FOUR** numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

Approval for a maximum duration of therapy override request will be granted for the following:

- Recipients who have a documented upper GI testing in the previous 2-year period; **OR**
- Recipients who are dependent on a feeding tube for nutritional intake; **OR**
- Recipients receiving a concomitant medication that increases the risk of upper GI bleed (e.g., anticoagulants, antiplatelets, NSAIDs); **OR**
- Recipients who reside in a long-term care facility; **OR**
- The prescriber provided other rationale supporting the override.

Duration of Override Approval: 12 months

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Modify maximum duration of therapy from 120 days to 180 days, modify definition of year from fiscal year to rolling 365-days, move cerebral palsy from approval criteria to exemption diagnosis, broaden list of medicines that increase risk of GI bleed, include additional prescriber-provided rationale as approval criteria, expanded diagnosis code for malignant mast cell tumors.	November 2019
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